# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

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## KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 24 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-24-13

There will be a <u>72-hour extension</u> to the current commercial salmon fishing period in the Cape Igvak Section of the Mainland District from 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, July 23 to 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 26.

#### As Previously Announced:

The **Mainland District** (except the Cape Igvak Section which is open until 12:01 a.m. Friday July 26) will **close** at **9:00 p.m. Monday July 22.** 

The following areas are currently scheduled to close at 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 23:

- The Northwest Kodiak District;
- The Outer Ayakulik and Halibut Bay sections of the Southwest Kodiak District;
- The **Afognak District**, (except the Outer Kitoi, and Inner Kitoi Bay sections remain closed, the Duck Bay Section and the northern portion of the Izhut Bay Section are open until further notice);
- The **Eastside Kodiak District** (except the Inner Ugak Bay Section which is open until further notice);
- The Northeast Kodiak District, and
- The **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District**.

The <u>Seaward Zones</u> of the <u>Dakavak Bay</u>, <u>Outer Kukak Bay</u>, <u>Hallo Bay</u>, and <u>Big River sections</u> of the Mainland District and the <u>Seaward Zones</u> of the <u>Northwest Afognak</u> and <u>Shuyak Island sections</u> of the Afognak District will remain <u>closed until further notice</u>.

The following areas remain **open until further notice**:

- The Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area;
- The Inner Ugak Bay Section of the Eastside Kodiak District;
- The Duck Bay Section of the Afognak District, and
- The **Izhut Bay Section north of a line from Haystack Rock** (at 58° 10.58' N lat., 152° 17.36' W long.) **to Pillar Cape** (at 58° 08.90' N lat., 152° 06.77' W long.)

## **Closed Water Adjustments:**

Closed waters are **reduced until further notice** in the following locations:

- In Saltery Cove, for subsistence fishing, at Saltery Creek (stream# 259-415), at the exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline.
- At Saltery Creek (stream # 259-415), Hearst Creek (stream # 259-414), and Rough Creek (stream # 259-416) in Saltery Cove to the stream terminus of each stream, for commercial salmon fishing.
- In Chiniak Bay, for subsistence fishing, at the Buskin River (stream# 259-211) at the exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline.

In that portion of the Northwest Kodiak and Southwest Kodiak districts south of the latitude of Cape Kuliuk, <u>until further notice</u>, Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained by purse seine gear in the commercial salmon fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

To ensure Chinook (king) salmon brood stock collection at Monashka Creek, that portion of the Monashka/Mill Bay Section of the Northeast Kodiak District bounded by the latitude of Spruce Cape and the latitude of Termination Point until <u>August 1, 2013</u> king salmon may not be retained in the subsistence fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Other closed waters are as shown on the Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart and detailed in the Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (5AAC 18.350).

Statistical Charts, Harvest Strategies, and Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office. Recent salmon fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.